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Case management services provided to children in out-of-home placement

Effective June 1, 2002, Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse providers for case management services provided to children in Wisconsin's foster care program (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act) who are determined to be eligible for Title IV-E administrative funds only. In addition, Medicaid-covered case management services provided to these children are limited to activities that relate to the assessment, care planning, and monitoring of medical care needs.

Children in out-of-home placement

The Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) receives federal foster care administrative funds for services to children in out-of-home placement (foster care) if they meet the Title IV-E eligibility requirements. The DHFS Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is responsible for administering the state's foster care program (Title IV-E of the Social Security Act). The DHFS does not receive federal foster care payments for those children in foster care who do not meet the eligibility criteria for federal Title IV-E.

County child welfare agencies and the DHFS Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (in Milwaukee County) are responsible for determining if a child who is entering or is placed in foster care meets the Title IV-E eligibility criteria.

Case management services provided to Title IV-E eligible children

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Medical care needs include all services allowable under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the federal Social Security Act. Wisconsin Medicaid does not cover case management activities that relate directly to the provision of foster care benefits and services. For example, Wisconsin Medicaid may cover case management activities related to finding a mental health provider, scheduling an appointment, and arranging for transportation to the appointment. However, case management activities related to making child placement arrangements or arranging for transportation to a new foster home would not be covered because they relate directly to the administration of the foster care program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), formerly HCFA, provided this clarification.

Wisconsin Medicaid will reimburse the state DCFS for case management services provided to children in foster care who are determined to be ineligible for federal foster care payments. The clarification from CMS does not affect this population.

Please refer to the following chart for a review of covered case management services provided to children in out-of-home placement.

Information regarding Medicaid HMOs

This *Update* contains Medicaid fee-for-service policy and applies to providers of services to recipients on fee-for-service Medicaid only. For Medicaid HMO or managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Wisconsin Medicaid HMOs are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangements.

Title IV-E eligibility status	Provider reimbursed for case management services	Covered case management activities
Children eligible for Title IV-E	Medicaid-certified case management provider	Activities related to assisting the Medicaid-eligible recipient in accessing medical (including dental and mental health) services
Children not eligible for Title IV-E	The state DCFS	Activities related to assisting Medicaid-eligible recipients in gaining access to medical, social, educational, vocational, and other necessary services

Please refer to the May 1996 *Wisconsin Medicaid Update* (96-14), titled “New Case Management Target Populations,” for additional information related to case management services provided to children who are Title IV-E eligible.

The *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

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